

CLAIMS

1. A leg support accessory for a wheelchair having a seat supported by a wheel carriage, a back at the rear of the seat, arm support posts on opposite sides of the seat, and foot rest supports pivotable between raised and lowered positions in front of the seat, said leg support accessory comprising:

a leg rest wider than the wheelchair seat;
a vertical support secured at an upper end to said leg rest and including in its lower end a downwardly open recess adapted to receive said foot rest supports;

first and second braces each fixed on one end to said vertical support and at the other end having an opening adapted to fixedly receive one of said arm support posts;

wherein when the accessory is used with the wheelchair, said first and second braces receive arm support posts on opposite sides of the seat and said foot rest supports in their raised position are received in said vertical support recess with said leg rest supported in a substantially horizontal orientation with lateral ends extending beyond the sides of the seat.

2. The accessory of claim 1, wherein said leg rest provides a support surface for a user's legs which is at least substantially as high as said seat.

3. The accessory of claim 2, wherein when used, said leg rest is supported at an elevated position relative to said seat.

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2 4. The accessory of claim 1, wherein said leg rest includes
opposite ends extending laterally beyond the sides of the seat when used with
the wheelchair, said opposite ends each having a lateral width sufficient to
4 support a user's leg thereon.

2 5. The accessory of claim 1, wherein said first and second
braces are fixed on said one end at substantially right angles to said vertical
support.

2 6. The accessory of claim 5, wherein said opening at said
other end of each of said first and second braces is adapted to fixedly receive
said one of said arm support posts with said brace extending substantially
4 horizontally away from the back of the wheelchair.

2 7. An adaptable wheelchair, comprising
a seat supported by a wheel carriage;
a back at the rear of the seat;
4 a foot rest support selectively movable between raised and lowered
positions in front of the seat;
6 arms on opposite sides of the seat, said arms being removably secured
to upright arm support posts at opposite sides of the front of the
8 seat; and
a selectively usable leg support accessory including
10 a leg rest wider than the wheelchair seat,
a vertical support secured at an upper end to said leg rest and
12 including in its lower end a downwardly open recess
adapted to receive said foot rest support, and

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14 first and second braces each fixed on one end to said vertical
support and at the other end having an opening adapted
16 to fixedly receive one of said arm support posts,
wherein when said leg support accessory is used to selectively
18 support a rider having wide leg casts:
said arm support posts on opposite sides of the seat are
20 received in said openings of said first and second
braces, and
22 said foot rest supports in their raised position are received
in said vertical support recess,
24 whereby said leg rest is supported in a substantially
horizontal orientation with lateral ends extending
26 beyond the sides of the seat.

2 8. The wheelchair of claim 7, further comprising a support
cushion on said seat.

2 9. The wheelchair of claim 8, wherein said support cushion
and said leg rest provide support surfaces for a user's legs and posterior higher
than said seat.

2 10. The wheelchair of claim 9, wherein said support cushion
and said leg rest provide support surfaces for a user's legs and posterior at
substantially the same height above said seat.

2 11. The wheelchair of claim 7, wherein when used, said leg
rest is supported at an elevated position relative to said seat.

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2 12. The wheelchair of claim 7, further comprising locks
selectively securing said upright arm support posts to said arms.

2 13. The wheelchair of claim 7, further comprising a cushion on
said leg rest.

2 14. The wheelchair of claim 7, wherein said foot rest support
comprises two support legs at opposite sides of the front of the seat, and said
vertical support comprises two support posts aligned with said two support
4 legs, whereby one support leg is received in a recess of one support post and
the other support leg is received in a recess of the other support post.

2 15. The wheelchair of claim 7, wherein said arms are on
laterally opposite sides of said seat, and said leg rest includes opposite ends
extending laterally beyond said sides.

2 16. The wheelchair of claim 7, wherein:
said foot rest support includes first and second leg members secured at
opposite front corners of said seat for selected pivotal movement,
4 wherein said leg members extend substantially forward from said
seat when in said raised position; and
6 said leg rest includes opposite ends extending laterally beyond said leg
members.

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17. A leg support accessory for a wheelchair having a seat supported by a wheel carriage, a back at the rear of the seat, and frame members on opposite sides of the seat, said leg support accessory comprising:

a leg rest extending laterally wider than at least one side of the wheelchair seat; and

brace members releasably securable to the wheelchair frame member on at least said one side of the seat;

wherein when the accessory is used with the wheelchair, said brace members are releasably secured to said frame member on at least said one side of the seat to support said leg rest in a substantially horizontal orientation with at least one lateral end extending beyond the one side of the wheelchair seat.

18. The accessory of claim 17, further comprising releasable straps, said releasable straps adapted to releasably secure said brace members to said wheelchair frame member on at least said one side of the seat.

19. The accessory of claim 17, wherein said brace members comprise:

a vertical support supporting the leg rest on the upper end thereof and releasably securable to the wheelchair on the other end thereof; and

a first brace fixed on one end at substantially right angles to said vertical support and releasably fixed on the other end to the wheelchair frame member on at least said one side of the seat.

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20. The accessory of claim 17, wherein said brace members
are releasably securable to the wheelchair frame member on both sides of the
seat, and said leg rest extends laterally wider than both sides of the wheelchair
seat.